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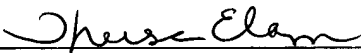
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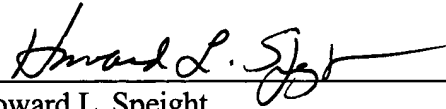
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1. Response to Final Office Action Mailed October 20, 2004; and
2. Postcard.

Please date stamp and return the enclosed postcard evidencing receipt of these materials.

The Commissioner is authorized to debit Deposit Account No. 50-1673 for any underpayment of fees which may be due in association with this filing under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.18.

Respectfully submitted,

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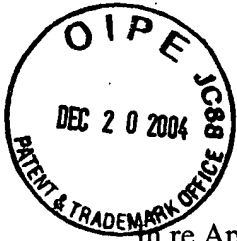
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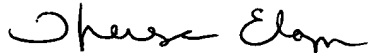
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed October 20, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action.

The three-month shortened statutory period for reply will be January 20, 2004, therefore, this Response is considered timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims**, if any, are reflected in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 3 of this Response.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this Response.